Vacancy Outreach Notice

Mark Twain National Forest Potosi/Fredericktown-Salem Ranger Districts

Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)
GS-0401-11

REPLY BY September 23, 2013

Bell Mountain Wilderness, *Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District*

Sutton Bluff ATV Trail Area, SalemRanger District

The Mark Twain National Forest is seeking an individual for a Zone Recreation Program Manager for the Potosi-Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts. This position will be located at the Potosi-Fredericktown office.

OPM Qualification Requirements for the 401 series can be reviewed at http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/general-natural-resources-management-and-biological-sciences-series-0401/.

MAJOR DUTIES

As the Zone Recreation Program Manager, you would be responsible for management, oversight, and implementation of the Potosi-Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts' developed and dispersed recreation sites; wilderness areas; hiking, equestrian and motorized trails; and associated facilities programs. More specifically, you would develop, manage, and account for project-level budgets. You would supervise 3 FTEs. You would be responsible for coordinating recreation site operations; wilderness and non-wilderness trail surveys, inspections, and maintenance; and recreation and office facility maintenance. You would assist in coordinating and delivering conservation education activities and developing new programs and ways to engage our publics. You would build on the network of cooperators by maintaining existing partnerships and developing new ones. Other duties may also be assigned.

THE FOREST

Mark Twain National Forest encompasses about 1.5 million acres and is made up of six Ranger Districts located primarily in the southern third of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, MO. The Mark Twain NF is mostly within the Ozark Highlands ecological section. The Ozark Highlands are an ancient landscape characterized by large springs, more than 5,000 caves, nationally-recognized streams, rocky barren glades and old volcanic mountains. The Forest spreads from south of Springfield, MO to the boot heel in the southeast, with a small unit near Columbia, Missouri.



Thousands of visitors enjoy the Forest's outdoor recreation opportunities. Developed recreation sites, seven Wilderness Areas, the Eleven Pont National Scenic River and hundreds of miles of floatable streams and rivers are just some of the features drawing outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

Mark Twain National Forest is an example of successful resource conservation. For several decades, the forest has carefully managed timber and grasslands, protected and enhanced water quality and provided a wide variety of recreation opportunities. The focus of our work has been conservation of natural resources for future generations.

Because Mark Twain National Forest has a large land base, and many plant and animal communities that are very rare, it is uniquely positioned to play an important part in restoring and conserving Missouri Ozark's plant and animal diversity. The Forest includes several complexes of native natural glade, woodland, savanna and forest communities that occur entirely on National Forest System lands. One goal of the 2005 Forest Plan is to restore these distinct and important ecological areas.

The Forest also has a number of effective and on-going partnerships in resource conservation and management, education, and volunteer and employment programs. A few examples include:

AmeriCorps-St. Louis: self-sufficient crews and crew leaders for prescribed and wildfires, as well as trail maintenance and construction.

Mingo Job Corps: students get hands-on training with forest projects for a variety of specialties including chain saw certification, firefighting and construction-related skills.

Ozark Trail Association: volunteers build and maintain the 350-mile long Ozark Trail from St. Louis to Arkansas, two-thirds of which meanders through the forest.

Cave Research Foundation: volunteers inventory, map and monitor the more than 600 forest caves.

Zone 1 (consisting of Potosi/Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts) is comprised of approximately 460,000 acres spread across 10 counties. Special features include the 440-acre Council Bluff Lake, Sutton Bluff Campground, Sutton Bluff ATV trail, several campgrounds/picnic areas, the Berryman Hiking Trail, Ozark Trail, karst topography/caves, spring fed streams with cool water fisheries and many native species of wildlife typical to the Ozarks. The Zone has a full range of resource management activities that include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation, two wilderness areas, grazing and mining.

THE PRIMARY COMMUNITIES IN THE ZONE

<u>POTOSI, MISSOURI (Duty Station)</u> has a population is 2,660; it's located 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. Median prices for houses are in the \$65,000 to \$100,000 range with rentals going for \$400 to \$500 per month. Apartments average \$275 to \$400 per month.

SCHOOLS: Two Junior colleges within commuting distance; Kindergarten thru high school with an AAA rating, good courses and extracurricular activities. Potosi also has a public library.

MEDICAL: 1 hospital - 5 MD'S, 3 Dentists and 2 chiropractors.

CHURCH: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Lutheran, Church of Latter Day Saints and many more.

<u>SALEM, MISSOURI</u> has an elevation of 1,200 feet and the population is 4,500; it's located about 2 hours from St. Louis, Springfield, Columbia and Jefferson City and about 4 hours from Kansas City. Rolla, population 14,500, is located about 30 minutes away. Median prices for houses are in the \$55,000 to \$100,000 range with rentals going for \$300 to \$500 per month. Apartments average \$300 to \$500 per month.

SCHOOLS: There are four rural schools: R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 teaching grades K-8. For Grades 9–12, the county children attend the City of Salem's Jr. High and High School. Salem city schools (R-80) are comprised of lower elementary (grades K-2), upper elementary (grades 3-6), junior high (grades 7-9), and high (grades 10-12). Southwest Baptist University - Salem Campus is located in Salem, offering two year and four year degrees. Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly, University of Missouri-Rolla) and two other Junior colleges are within a commuting distance of 25 miles.

Medical: 1 hospital - 5 MD'S, 3 Dentists and 2 chiropractors.

Church: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Lutheran, Church of Latter Day Saints and many more.

Entertainment: Things to do include bowling, indoor archery, hunting, fishing, canoeing, FFA, youth soccer and baseball, several cultural and heritage festivals, and service clubs such as Eagles and Rotary.

INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION?

If you are interested in this position and have questions, please contact either:

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OUTREACH DEADLINE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Are you current	ly a Federal employee?	Yes	No		
Permanent?	Temporary?	TERM?_	VRA?	PWD?	OTHER?
Current Title/Se	ries/Grade:				
Agency Employe	ed with and location:				
How did you lea	rn of this vacancy/outr	each?:			